



## SASKATCHEWAN FORMULARY BULLETIN

### Update to the 61st Edition of the Saskatchewan Formulary

#### Discontinuation of OxyContin/Introduction of OxyNEO

Purdue Pharma has announced that OxyContin will be discontinued and distribution will cease no later than February 29, 2012.

Effective February 29, 2012, OxyNEO, a new formulation of long-acting oxycodone will be added to the Saskatchewan Formulary under the Exception Drug Status (EDS) Program *for the treatment of pain in palliative and cancer patients*. Please note the following:

- Prescriptions will automatically adjudicate for EDS coverage for patients with *Palliative Care* coverage under the Drug Plan.
- EDS requests for cancer patients who do not have palliative care coverage will need to be submitted in the usual manner.
- Saskatchewan Drug Plan beneficiaries currently receiving OxyContin (i.e., those who have filled a benefit prescription for OxyContin in the three months prior to February 29, 2012) will have EDS coverage for OxyNEO added to their Drug Plan profile.

Saskatchewan Drug Plan beneficiaries who do not fall into one of the above categories will be responsible for the full cost of an OxyNEO prescription. The Saskatchewan Formulary lists a number of alternative options for the treatment of pain including short and long acting opioids such as codeine, morphine, hydromorphone and fentanyl patches, as well as non-narcotic agents. The Saskatchewan Formulary is available at <http://formulary.drugplan.health.gov.sk.ca/> or call the Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch at 1-800-667-2549 for more information on listed products.

Patients changing to OxyNEO will require a new prescription if their physician deems it appropriate. Pharmacies will be able to clear existing OxyContin stock through the on-line adjudication system.

The following DINS apply to OxyNEO controlled release tablet (oxycodone HCl) (PFR):

Product	DIN	Pre-Markup (\$)	Unit Price (\$)
10mg controlled release tablet	02372525	0.8780	0.9527
15mg controlled release tablet	02372533	1.0600	1.1501
20mg controlled release tablet	02372797	1.3170	1.4290
30mg controlled release tablet	02372541	1.7400	1.8879
40mg controlled release tablet	02372568	2.2825	2.4766
60mg controlled release tablet	02372576	3.1500	3.4178
80mg controlled release tablet	02372584	4.2160	4.5744

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